

Application No. 09/779919
Amendment dated December 22, 2005

Docket No.: 47171-00265USPT
Customer No.: 41,230

REMARKS

Claims 21, 32 and 34 have been amended. Claims 1-51 are pending in the application.

1. STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

In response to the Interview conducted on December 14, 2005 and the Interview Summary dated December 21, 2005, Applicants state that during the Interview it was agreed that Applicant's would define the term ratio. In particular, it was the Examiner's opinion that unless otherwise defined, the term ratio could be interpreted to cover the expression "A - B = C." That is, the Examiner was of the opinion that in such expression, C could be said to be a ratio of the values A and B.

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 10th Edition defines "ratio" as follows: "1a : the indicated quotient of two mathematical expressions." Accordingly, as discussed during the interview, as used in the present claims the term "ratio" has such a meaning. It is understood that the Examiner's concern over the term "ratio" has been resolved and the claims reciting the limitation "reflectance ratio" are allowable.

The Examiner also pointed out that some claims do not currently recite a ratio. The Examiner requested that such claims be amended to recite a ratio. It was agreed that the Applicants would consider the Examiner's request. In reviewing the presently pending claims, it appears that all independent claims recited "reflectance ratio" except independent claims 21, 32, and 34. Claims 21, 32, and 34 have been presently amended to recite "reflectance ratio" and thus are also believed to be allowable.

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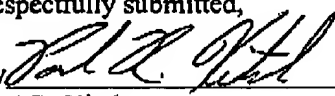
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Conclusion

It is the Applicants' belief that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, and action towards that effect is respectfully requested. It is believed that no additional fees are presently due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 47171-00265USPT.

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